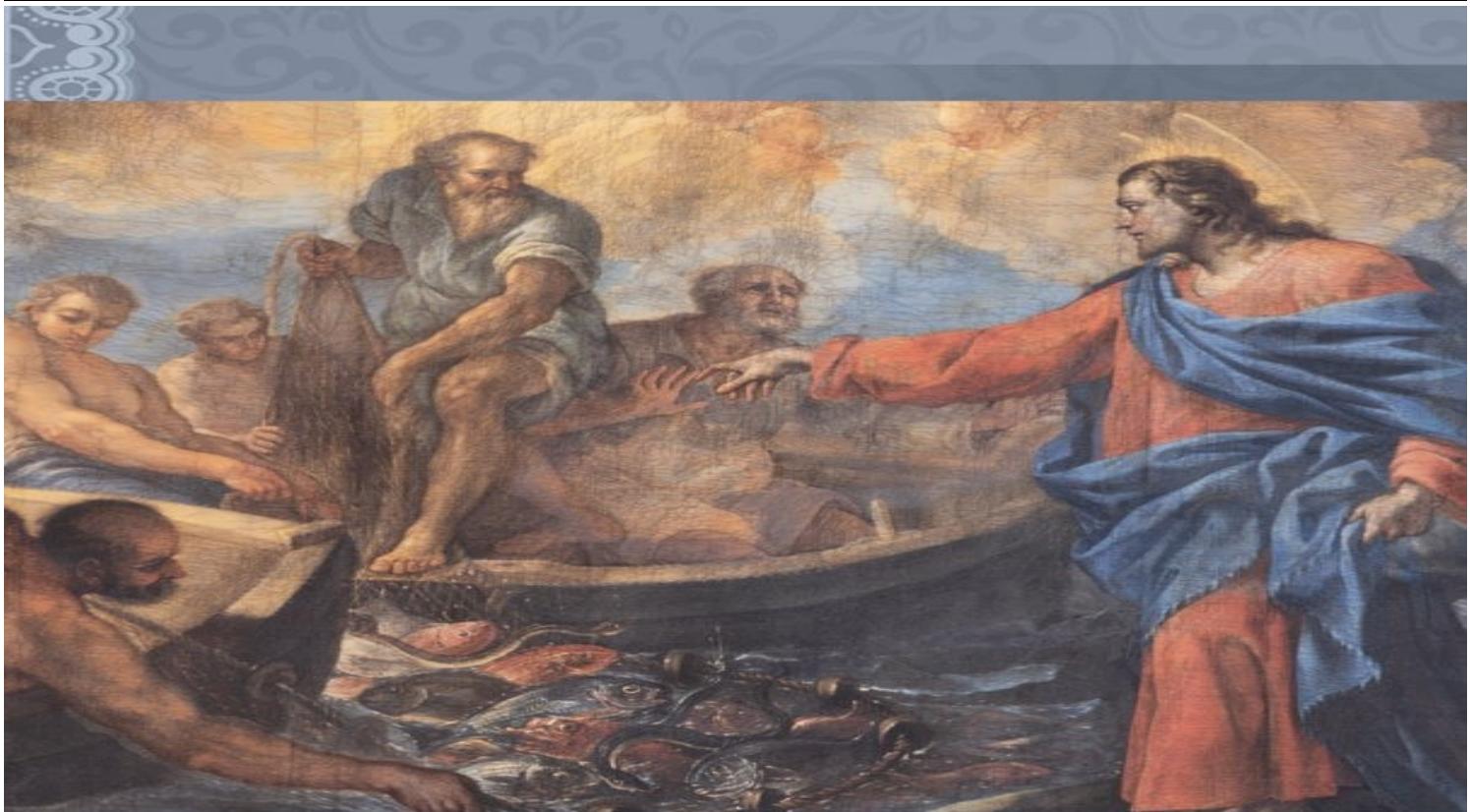


St. John the Baptist and Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday Mass: 9:00am Confession : Thursday 4:00-5:00pm

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January 25, 2026



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.'" Mt 4:19

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Mon.-Thurs. 9:00am-4:00pm

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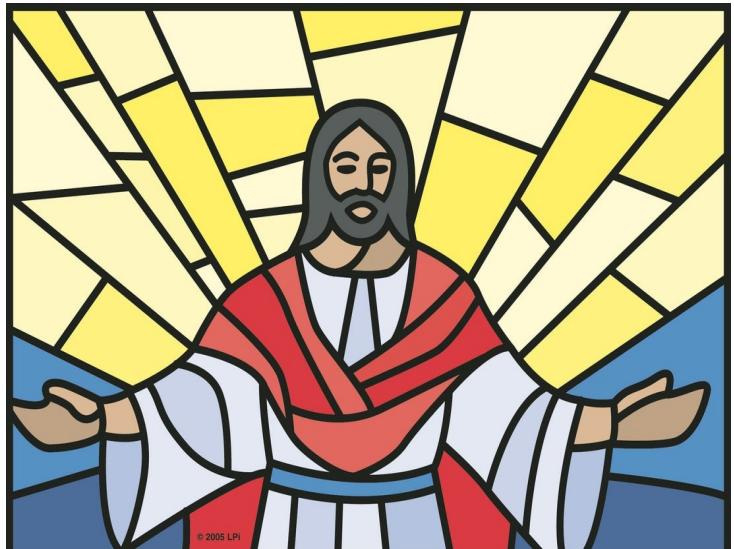
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Please call the rectory to arrange marriages, six months prior to date, we will provide information to you for our organist, baptisms and hospital/home visits.





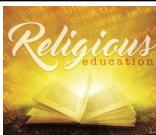
From Fr. Brendan Foley

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life! (Psalm 19). On September 30, 2019, the feast of St. Jerome (d. 420), Pope Francis shared with the Church his desire for the third Sunday in Ordinary Time each year to be a day dedicated “to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.” Appropriately chosen on that day because St. Jerome most famously reminds us of a deep truth which he allowed to govern his life: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

If we want to grow deeper in our relationship with the Lord and better know who he is and how to recognize his voice, we might consider how much time we sit with His Word before our eyes, minds, and heart open to receive. Because there, in that space, we come into direct contact with God’s self-revelation. *Dei Verbum* is a treasured document of the church that explains what it means for God to make himself known to us in the Scriptures: “*For in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them; and the force and power in the word of God is so great that it stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her sons, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life. Consequently these words are perfectly applicable to Sacred Scripture: "For the word of God is living and active" (Heb. 4:12) and "it has power to build you up and give you your heritage among all those who are sanctified".* Every time the word of the Lord is open before us, his words (living and active!) provide us with consolation and direction needed for **today**.

Our Gospel today can invite us into that reflective space to ponder what it was like to receive Jesus’ words calling the disciples to a new life. “*Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.*” *At once they left their nets and followed him.*” So transformed by his word, his call, his invitation--something so profoundly compelling to follow wholeheartedly. If you haven’t yet had this encounter, or if you deeply hunger to be renewed by such a Word, we must simply ask the Lord in prayer: **Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**

Growing in familiarity with God’s word invites us daily, and deeper into the heart of God. What does it say about the heart of God for us, if he is solely intent on offering his very life for us to have eternal access to him to liberate us from our captivity or enslavement to sin, or to give us renewed sight, or to instill within us eternal hope? How will you respond? May our hearts be fertile soil to receive the seed of God’s word planted anew within us, and may this jubilee year be a merciful one in which our lives are transformed into signs of hope leading others to the joys of eternal life. **Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life!**



Religious Education Announcements

Religious Ed classes resume this week. Please pray for our students, and teachers as they continue their education programs. Please especially pray for our 5 Confirmation 1 students, who are preparing to be confirmed in 2027 and our 6 first Communion students who will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on May 10th.

Lector - Jan. 25, 2026

Chet Wisniewski

Lector - Feb. 1, 2026

Cathy Schotthoefer

Eucharistic Ministry

	Center	Mary's Side
Jan. 25th	Larry Argiro	Cathy Horton
Feb. 1st	Mary Beth Cusano	Dave William
Feb. 8th	Mary Anne Bergamo	Pat Minnoe
Feb. 15th	Karen Fekete	Mary Beth Cusano
Feb. 22nd	Cathy Horton	Larry Argiro



SJB/HT Lenten Fish Dinners

In conjunction with the Pastimes Club our popular Friday Lenten Fish Dinners will be back. Our first dinner will kick off on Ash Wednesday, February 18 and will run the Friday's of Lent (excluding Good Friday). Event time will be 4:30-7:00pm and you can enter on the parking lot side of the club, **not** the back door like last year. More details coming soon so check back here for information and we look forward to seeing you at the Pastimes Club for SJBC/HT Friday Fish.

SJB/HT New Website

We have a newly designed website available for your viewing. Please visit

www.stjohnthebaptist-holytrinity.com.

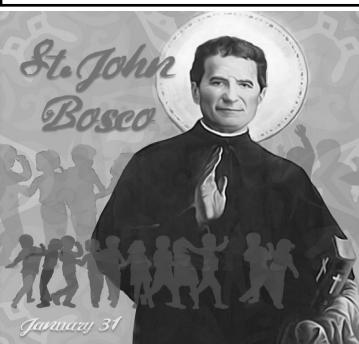
We would love to hear what you think of the new site and any suggestions and ideas to include.



Prayer For Everyday And Everybody

Blessing of Light

Where you have known darkness, may the light stretch and shine.
Where you have dwelt in shadows, may the sun reach its gentle rays. Where you have hidden in shame, may you know light-filled redemption, healing, belonging, and rest in Jesus. Amen. ©LPi



**WE MUST USE
MERCY
FOR THE PRESENT
AND HAVE
HOPE
FOR THE FUTURE.**
—ST. JOHN BOSCO

Live The Liturgy - Inspiration For The Week

Peter and Andrew, James and John — they were not expecting God that day. But there he was, right in front of them, beckoning. God stands before us today, and like the Apostles, we often don’t see him coming. But still, he beckons. Will we follow? ©LPi



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





9:00am Mass Intentions for SJB/HT

January 25, 2026 - Vincenzo Corasaniti - rose Marie Procopio
Owen Donovan - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Morga
All deceased of the Princi Family - Daughter, Maria
February 1, 2026 - Rosalie Emm - the Estate
Debbie Greenfield - The Family
Albert Bleskoski, Sr. - The Family



HOPE Appeal 2025

SJB/HT parishioners have donated \$18,260.00 in pledges or donations. We have passed our goal of \$16,969.00. Donations still can be made, simply mail your donation with the provided envelope or bring your completed pledge card to Mass. You can also make a gift online at www.syrdio.org. Thank you to all who have generously donated.

Virtues Explained

Patience, Explained! In treating others with a spirit of patience, **said Pope Francis**, we “look at them ... with God’s gaze, knowing how to distinguish their faces from their faults.”



“Rushing and impatience are enemies of spiritual life,” he continued. “God is love, and those who love do not tire, they are not irascible; they do not give ultimatums. God is patient, God knows how to wait.”

Patience is sometimes referred to as being “annexed” to the moral virtue of fortitude. In practicing patience, we bear any kind of suffering for a greater good. St. Thomas Aquinas describes patience as a means to “safeguard the good of reason against sorrow, lest reason give way to sorrow” (Sum. II-II, 136, Art. 1).

The virtue of patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22), and as Christians who have received the Holy Spirit we are called to “be patient in tribulation” (Romans 12:12) and to “preach the message (of Christ) ... with great patience” (2 Timothy 4:2). ©LPI



A Family Perspective Family Life Education

When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately”, but in small steps. Parenting demands a patient encouragement.

Pray For Vocations

Jesus taught the crowd on top of the mountain, how is Jesus calling you to teach the crowds today?

Email: vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [@vocationssyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationssyracuse).



National Catholic Schools Week January 25-31



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of
Rosemary “Pat” Markert
Requested by The Family

Sacrificial Giving

Collection Jan. 18th: \$TBA



Reflect: Readings and Gospel

1st Reading Question: Isaiah prophesies a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. Have you ever received an unexpected gift or blessing?

2nd Reading Question: Paul urges the Corinthians to be united in mind and purpose, and to avoid rivalries. How do you react to conflicts at home or at work?

Gospel Question: Matthew tells us that Jesus began his public ministry by calling disciples, healing the sick and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. Have you ever felt a “call to action” to live out your faith? ©LPI

Parishioners, please look through this list for any names that should be removed. Also, if you have a loved one to request for prayers call the office to have their name added.



Remember: Mike Affleck, Shawn Babcock, Nancy Bailey, Jack Brien, B.J. Bubniak Family, Arlene Bukowski, Ashley Caiello, Robert Capria, Catherine Cushman, Linda Deapo, Theresa Domathowski, Hank Donohue, Ginny & Erin Donovan, Tenley Farrow, Marilyn Ferretti, Ellen Gangemi, Gladys Graham, Robert Greenwood, Joseph Guinto, Jeanne Hammond, Mary Isgar, Carla Johnson, Tony Lauretti, Shirley Kerr, Emma Lane, Kay Ledermann, Jackie Limeri, Luciano Luisi, Steven Malkoski, Judy & Skip Marioritti, Michael & Darlene Morga, Diane Moro, Peggy Palerino, The Pavia Children, Antoinette Perotta, Faith Setzer, Marion Sherwood, Esther Sindoni, John Sobon, Patricia Soule, Timothy K. Suppes, Patrick St. Thomas IV, Barbara Traino, Shelly Visco, Matthew Watkins, Fred Wheeler and Carol Young. **We also remember in our prayers our Service Men and Women & our Health Care Workers. Due to HIPAA laws, hospitals are not allowed to give names of patients. Please notify the parish office if you have a loved one in the hospital, a nursing home or is homebound and would like a visit.**

Contribution Statements

If you require a SJB/HT Contribution Statement of your church donations for 2025 taxes, please contact the rectory during office hours, 315-478-0916, email at nbergeson@syrdio.org or fill in the slip below and send to SJB/HT 406 Court St. Syr. NY 13208, or, save a stamp and put your request in a plain envelope and put it into the collection basket attention “Nancy”.

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